

We must keep Ancona when peace is made, and maintain it under the French flag; it will give us a hold on Turkey.

The treasure of Loretto amounted to three millions francs. They left about one million behind. I am sending you in addition the Madonna and all the relics. The Madonna is made of wood.

Our troops will reach Foligno to-night. Here is what I expect to do: I will grant the Pope peace provided he cedes Bologna, Ferrara, Urbino, and Ancona, and that he pays us three millions for the treasure of Loretto and fifteen millions that he owed us on the armistice treaty. If he doesn't accept, I shall go to Rome.

16th. (To Josephine.) You are sad; you are ill; you have stopped writing; you want to go to Paris. Do you love your friend no longer ? This thought makes me wretched. Sweet friend, life has become unbearable since hearing that you are sad.

Perhaps I can get a peace with the Pope soon, and be back at your side; it is my most ardent wish.

A hundred kisses. Nothing equals my love save my anxiety.

17th, Tolentino:

The army is within three days' march of Rome; I am negotiating with the gang of priests; doubtless St. Peter